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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUE SCALE COLLECTORS

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ONWARD AND UPWARD.

As concerns our membership, that is. Our count at the moment is 169, and inquiries continue to cross my desk from collectors just hearing of us. The latest batch of membership cards is enclosed, bringing our U.S. members to 102 and those from 14 or so other countries to 67. We're really worldwide!

Of special note: Wayne Roberts, a new member, deals in antique scales and clocks, and purveys a "complete restoration" service, in case you need some work done on any of your possessions.

YEAR-END AUCTION (MAYBE).

Joel Malter tells us that it's "possible" he'll hold a scales and weights auction this December. It seems he's hoping to acquire a collection of considerable size, and if he does, he'll notify ISASC members immediately and produce a catalog. The date he's planning on is Monday, December 8th, and the place is the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. Because it's all so tentative, planning an ISASC symposium just can't be done. However, if the auction becomes a certainty (and we'll know by late September), an informal member get-together the evening of either September 7th or 8th is a definite possibility and we'll take steps to arrange it. For the moment, however, it's a wait-and-see situation.

COLLECTOR'S ITEM.

The enclosed issue of EQM, that is. It's the last issue to be produced on Michael Crawforth's vintage typewriter, undoubtedly an antique in its own right. From now on you can expect EQM to sport a much more professional typographical look, thanks to our new IBM Selectric.

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AND MORE THANKS.

Now's the time to acknowledge the generosity of the 27 members who heeded our call for donations to the typewriter fund and contributed sums ranging from $10 to $30. All told, we received almost $400 from this source. Thank you, one and all.

In addition, the typewriter fund was the beneficiary of another $240 representing the net proceeds of the London mini-convention which Brian Brass masterminded. The largess came as a most pleasant and welcome surprise, and we all owe a deep bow to Brian for not only his enterprise in promoting the event but his business acumen in turning a profit on it.

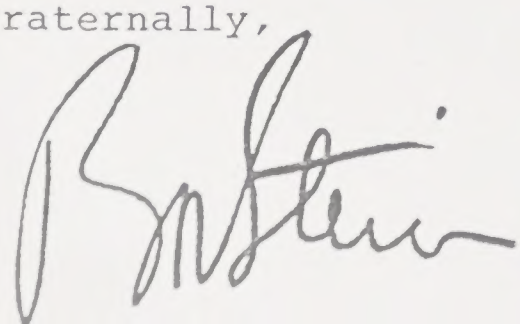
MID-YEAR MONEY REPORT.

Now that ISASC retains a public accountant, it's only fitting that we advise you at least twice a year about our financial status, and I'm please to report that our picture, as shown on the enclosed report, is quite good. However, it should be carefully noted that our June 30th net worth does <u>not</u> reflect the purchase in July of our new typewriter at a cost of $1,894. Taking that into account, our society's net worth at the moment is approximately $2,900. What with the cost of the summer and autumn EQM mailings yet to come, we'll wind up the year in the black but not impressively so.

MISCELLANY.

Enclosed is an updated list of available literature. We've enjoyed a brisk sale this year, and can only urge members who haven't taken advantage as yet to do so. Tod Carley has done a superb job in producing catalogs that are truly collectors' items, but our inventory is limited so the time to buy is now.

Also enclosed is another issue of <u>Marketplace</u>, describing offers that have come to us and which we're simply passing on to our members <u>without</u> endorsement.

Lastly, we apologize for the lateness on occasion of the EQM mailing. My business manages to interfere from time to time with my ISASC obligations, and something has to give. However, at Michael Crawforth's suggestion, we're moving the mailing dates back a month, so the problem hopefully will be solved for 1981, if not before.

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